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#136 SHAKEN.

THIS IS THE CLOSED-DOWN SCHOOL BUILDING WHERE WE'RE STAYING.
OH. THIS IS IT...

I ALMOST THOUGHT FUUKA HAD COME BACK TO LIFE.
SHE EVEN HAD THE SAME KEYCHAIN.

...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE LOOKED LIKE HER, IT WASN'T FUUKA.

NAH.

IT WASN'T HER.

...

!!

AH--

HEY, HARU-NA!!

OH, SENPAI, YOU'RE BACK ALREADY-

HUH?!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

JUST COME ON!!

COME WITH ME!!

SERI-OUSLY, WHAT--

...TAKE A LOOK.

WHA--

WHAT?! YOU KNOW HER?!

YEAH... SORT OF.

HUH? YOU'RE THE GUY FROM BEFORE.

SO YOU'RE IN A BAND?

...

THE REST OF US JUST GOT HERE...

...AND WE FREAKED OUT THINKING SHE WAS FUUKA.

WELL, NOW THAT EVERYONE'S HERE, I GUESS I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF.

I WAS SURPRISED-- I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE HERE SO SOON!

I'M A VOLUNTEER FOR THE CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL, AND I'LL BE ACTING AS A SUPPORT MEMBER FOR YOU. I'M SAKURA KATSURAGI.

OF COURSE SHE HAS A DIFFERENT NAME.

A SUPPORT MEMBER.

YOU REALLY CUT THAT SHORT.

WELL, ANY-WAY.

YOU GET THE POINT.

WAIT, WHAT'S THIS CHAR-ACTER? I CAN'T READ IT...

...THIS SCHOOL BUILDING IS OPEN TO SERVE AS LODGING FOR THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE FESTIVAL.

OKAY, SO...

TO GIVE THE ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE TOWN...

HEY. THAT ASIDE. I TOTALLY WANT TO HEAR YOUR BAND'S MUSIC! DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING I CAN LISTEN TO?!

UH-- SURE. WE HAVE CDS.

OR SHOULD I SEND IT DIGITALLY TO YOUR PHONE?

I'LL TAKE A CD!

I WANT TO LISTEN TO IT ON THIS!

!!

HMM. "BLUE WELLS," HUH?

Blue Wells

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THAT'S PRETTY COOL

THE KEY-BOARDIST IS MIKASA-SAN.

THAT'S HARD TO SAY-- MAKOTO-KUN IT IS!

...THE GUITAR-IST IS IWAMI-SA--

WOW, "SARA"! THAT'S SUCH A COOL NAME!

THE DRUMMER IS NACHI-SAN...

AND ON BASS AND VOCALS IS...

HARUNA... YUU-SAN.

ON GUITAR AND VOCALS IS AOI-SAN...

OKAY! I'VE GOT YOUR NAMES DOWN!!

NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!

WHA--

WHAT WAS THAT ?!

WHOA --!!

HUG

OH.

I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF-

THAT WAS REALLY RANDOM!

...MI-KASA.

...A FRIEND OF OURS...

IT'S JUST THAT YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE...

BUT--

BUT--

GROSS SOBBING

HUH?

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HER...

HEY, ARE YOU ON THE TRACK TEAM OR ANY-THING?!

HUH?!

I WAS FOR A BIT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOR REAL?!

I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT!

I WAS SO HAPPY!! I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN YOU CALLED ME YOUR FRIEND!

...

IT'S NICE THAT IT AT LEAST HAS TATAMI FLOORS AND A HEATER.

WOW. BEING IN A SCHOOL CLASSROOM TAKES ME BACK.

1-A

HEY... WHERE'D HARUNA GO?

OH, YOU KNOW. TO WRITE THAT SONG.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER WHAT HE THINKS... ...ABOUT SAKURA-CHAN.

FLOOMP

HUH.

HE'S WORKING PRETTY HARD.

I MEAN... YOU THINK HE'LL FALL FOR HER?

SHE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR FUUKA, YOU KNOW.

WELL... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT!

OH, GOOD POINT.

...

MAYBE HARUNA-SAN WOULD BE ABLE TO WRITE BETTER SONGS THAT WAY.

BUT WOULD THAT BE SUCH A BAD THING?

I--I'M HAPPY FOR YUU-KUN!

GOD MUST HAVE REWARDED HIM FOR WORKING SO HARD!

YOU SEEM A BIT DOWN, AOI-SAN.

HUH?! I'M NOT.

HEY, WE WORKED HARD, TOO. WHERE'S OUR REWARD?

HA HA-- WELL, IF I'D SUFFICE...

WAHOO!

HANG ON A SEC! I'LL GRAB MY CAMERA!!

AWW.

QUIT BEING DUMB AND GO TO SLEEP!!

AND MAYBE...

...FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU.

THAT WOULD BE MY PUNISH-MENT...

TMP カリ〃ン

カリ〃ン TMP

SHE'S NOWHERE IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE.

NO MATTER HOW SIMILAR SHE LOOKS, SHE'S NOT FUUKA.

RATTLE カリ〃ン

UGH, I CAN'T KEEP GOING LIKE THIS!

WHY AM I SO SHAKEN UP?

WHOOOSH

YUU-KUN!

YOU'RE NOT HERE ANYMORE!

NO ONE IS UP HERE!

I JUST SAID...

...

I KNEW YOU'D COME!

THAT'S WHERE...

BA-DUM!!

...I'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO SEE YOU.

AH...

YUU-KUN!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT COME UP HERE.

BA-DUM!!

I WAS JUST LISTENING TO BLUE WELLS' CD!

"FOR YOU" IS REALLY GREAT! I LOVE THAT SONG!!

I WANTED...

...TO HEAR THOSE WORDS...

...FROM YOU FOR SO LONG.

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HUP --!

LEAP

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HUH?!

WHOA--

OOPS!

TMP

OWW-

KA-WHUMP

HA HA HA!

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

YOU OKAY?

Y-YEAH.

YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL JUMPING FROM A PLACE LIKE THAT.

WELL, YOU WERE CRYING, SO I WAS WORRIED.

WELL... JUST--

ANY-WAY... IS SOME-THING WRONG?

YOU LOOK SO MUCH LIKE A FORMER MEMBER OF OUR BAND.

IT SORT OF BRINGS A LOT OF THINGS BACK.

...

I SEE.

...LISTENING TO CDS, TOO.

SHE WOULD ALWAYS HANG OUT UP ON THE ROOFTOP...

HER NAME WAS FUUKA-CHAN, RIGHT?

AND YOU GUYS SAID SHE PASSED AWAY.

YEAH.

IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LAST YEAR.

SORRY.

THIS MUST BE AWKWARD FOR YOU TO HEAR, HUH?

BY ANY CHANCE...

...WERE YOU AND THIS GIRL GOING OUT?

HUH?

...

WELL--

UH...

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

YEAH.

I HEARD YOU WRITE ALL YOUR BAND'S SONGS, SO...

WHEN I LISTENED TO "FOR YOU," I KIND OF HAD A FEELING.

!!

WELL, IN THAT CASE!!

OH!!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I LOOK AT YOU AS SOMEONE I SHOULD BE IN LOVE WITH OR ANYTHING.

ER-- SORRY, I MEAN-- WHAT AM I EVEN SAYING? I'M CREEPING YOU OUT, RIGHT?!

IF YOU WROTE A SONG ABOUT ME, HER LOOK-ALIKE...

WHAT WOULD IT SOUND LIKE?!

HUH?

ABOUT YOU?

I BECAME A FAN OF BLUE WELLS AFTER HEARING YOUR SONGS!

COME ON, YUU-KUN! WRITE A SONG ABOUT ME!!

UM--

WELL...

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

SIGN: CAFETERIA

I REALLY WANT TO FINISH IT IN TIME FOR THE CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL.

YEAH. IT DOESN'T HAVE LYRICS YET, BUT I HAVE A VAGUE IDEA OF THE COMPOSITION.

WHY NOT TRY IT? WE'RE FREE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL, AFTER ALL.

WHAT'S THE RUSH? WHY CAN'T YOU TAKE YOUR TIME WRITING IT?

OH, GOOD. I HEARD THERE'S EQUIPMENT IN THE MUSIC CLASSROOM, SO I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU GUYS.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? YOU'RE AWFULLY MOTIVATED ALL OF A SUDDEN.

SOUNDS FINE TO ME.

...

ME, TOO.

I WANT THIS TO BE THE SONG THAT REPRESENTS US.

YEAH...

...

OUR WHOLE BAND.

OH.

SURE.

PLAY THE ROOT NOTES AGAIN, YUU-KUN.

WANT TO MAKE IT SOUND MORE LIKE THE HEDGE-HOGS?

HMM... THAT'S COOL, BUT IT SOUNDS A BIT LIKE "FOR YOU."

THIS SHOULD BE OKAY FOR THE RIFF, RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, A "ROUGH" EIGHT-COUNT?

...

NACHI-SENPAI, COULD YOU PLAY A ROUGH EIGHT-COUNT FOR ME?

HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING, AOI?!

HUH?! OH-- SORRY, WHAT?!

I KNOW I CAN DO IT NOW.

I CAN WRITE SONGS WITH EVEN MORE FEELING THAN THE OLD ONES!

WE'RE GONNA TRY PLAYING THE MAIN MELODY ONCE, SO YOU--

WAIT A SEC! I GOTTA GO TO THE BATHROOM!

HUH?

IF YOU GOTTA POOP, DO IT BEFORE REHEARSAL.

I DON'T, YOU IDIOT!!

...

SIGH...

KLAT

KLAT

YOU THINK HE'LL FALL FOR HER? SHE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR FUUKA, YOU KNOW.

WOULD THAT BE SUCH A BAD THING? MAYBE HARUNA-SAN WOULD BE ABLE TO WRITE BETTER SONGS THAT WAY.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO WRITE IT FOR ME.

...

OH...! AOI-SAN!

GOOD MORN-ING!

I COULDN'T FIND YOU GUYS, SO I WAS LOOKING EVERY-WHERE!

OH. MORNING.

WE'VE BEEN REHEARS-ING A NEW SONG.

YUU-KUN SEEMED MOTIVATED TO WRITE ONE.

HUH?!

HE KEPT HIS PROMISE, THEN!

PRO-MISE?

YEAH!

YUU-KUN SAID HE'D WRITE A SONG FOR ME!

HE PROMISED LAST NIGHT, UP ON THE ROOF!!

WHA--

...

I'M SORRY FOR MAKING SUCH A SELFISH REQUEST.

OH-- MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT TO ANOTHER BAND MEMBER.

I WON'T TELL THE OTHERS.

OH, NO.

I'M GLAD FOR YOU.

THANKS!!

I'M GONNA GO CHECK IT OUT, THEN!!

AH--

THE ONLY FUUKA IN MY LIFE IS YOU!!

I REAL-IZED...

...THAT MY FEELINGS WERE CHANGING.

THE ONE I LOVE THE MOST IS--

I'M SAYING...

...

LIAR.

KLAT

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE.

AH...

...SO I CANCELED ALL OUR OTHER GIGS AND GOT HERE EARLY.

I SAW YOUR NAME ON THE LIST OF CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL PERFORMERS...

OH...

!!

NOW THAT YOU'RE A PRO, I CAME TO GET YOU, JUST LIKE I PROMISED.

LEAVE THAT BAND AND COME JOIN US.

SHUN-KUN...

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HEY, YUU-KUN!

I WONDER IF...

...SHE FELT THIS WAY WHEN WRITING SONGS, TOO.

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WITH YOU? BUT--

...

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING?

UGH!! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN LISTENING AT ALL!

I'M WRITING AN ORIGINAL SONG!

YOU KNOW. FOR THE FALLEN MOON!!

YES! A REALLY AWESOME ONE!

AN ORIGINAL SONG?

...

WE WON'T LOOK COOL IF ALL WE DO IS HEDGEHOGS COVERS.

WE FINALLY HAVE OUR FIRST LIVE CLUB GIG SCHEDULED.

TH-THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT WITH ME!!

I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT EASY TO WRITE A SONG.

YEAH, BUT OUR GIG IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY.

I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE.

IT'S NO USE. I CAN'T WRITE SONGS.

THEN DON'T BOTHER. WE'D ONLY EMBARRASS OURSELVES WITH AN ORIGINAL SONG, ANYWAY.

NEITHER HAVE I! THAT'S WHY I'M STRESSING OUT!

!!

DON'T MESS WITH YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE YOU'RE TALKING TO PEOPLE!

DO IT AGAIN AND I'LL SMASH THAT THING TO BITS, YOU HEAR?!

WHOA! SORRY, SORRY !!

I DON'T WANT YOUR APOLOGY!

1-A

HMM...

KICK

KICK

HUH?

SHE SAYS SHE'S WRITING AN ORIGINAL SONG.

WHAT'S THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING, FUUKA?

OH- MAKOTO-KUN.

I WANT TO HAVE IT DONE...

...IN TIME FOR OUR GIG NEXT WEEK.

HEY, I BET YOU KNOW HOW TO WRITE SONGS, MAKOTO-KUN!

YOU PLAYED PIANO AND STUFF!!

WELL, I'VE NEVER WRITTEN A SONG, THOUGH.

OH, OKAY...

BUT I THINK YOU'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU EXPRESS YOUR OWN FEELINGS-- YOUR OWN WORLD.

DON'T MAKE IT HARDER THAN IT IS.

...

MY FEEL-INGS?

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SQUEE

SQUEE

YEAH. THE CONCERT AT THE SCHOOL FAIR WAS GREAT!

WE'LL TOTALLY GO!!

HEY. IS IT TRUE YOU'RE PLAYING AT A CLUB NEXT WEEK?!

OH.. THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SHOULD ALL COME. WE HAVE EXTRA TICKETS.

...

FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, TOO.

SURE! WE'LL ALL BE THERE!!

MY FEEL-INGS..

MY WORLD- HUH?

OH--IT'S JUST ABOUT READY, THEN?

WHEN KOYUKI-CHAN TOLD YOU SHE LOVED YOU...

...I RAN AWAY. REMEMBER?

YEAH.

ACTUALLY, WHAT MAKOTO-KUN SAID REMINDED ME.

WHA--

RE-MINDED YOU OF WHAT?

AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT...

MAYBE PEOPLE WRITE SONGS WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE THIS.

LIKE THIS?

WHEN YOUR HEART IS FILLED...

...WITH THOUGHTS OF THE PERSON YOU LOVE.

HUH?

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU GOING OUT WITH KOYUKI-CHAN...

MY MIND GOT SO MUDDLED, IT ACTU-ALLY HURT.

THE MORE I THOUGHT THAT I HAD TO JUST DEAL WITH IT AND GIVE UP, THE MORE MY FEELINGS FOR YOU GREW.

I FELT LIKE I HAD TO BE HONEST...

...AND RESPOND TO YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME.

...IT MADE ME SO HAPPY.

SO WHEN YOU CAME RUNNING AFTER ME AND HUGGED ME...

I WANT TO PUT ALL OF THOSE FEELINGS INTO A SONG.

I WANT EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TO KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU.

OKAY.

I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT, THEN.

...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU HAVE TO HELP WITH THE LYRICS!

BECAUSE!! I DON'T KNOW ENGLISH OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

HUH? WHY DO I HAVE TO HELP YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN FEELINGS?

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST USE JAPANESE?

NO!! I WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE THE HEDGE-HOGS!

EARTH TO YUU-KUN!

HEY!

!!

WATCH OUT!!

GRAB

AH!

WHOA! WHOA!!

I KEPT CALLING YOUR NAME, AND YOU DIDN'T ANSWER.

WHAT WERE YOU SPACING OUT FOR?

UH--

THANKS.

JEEZ. BE CAREFUL, WOULD YOU?

S-SORRY ABOUT THAT.

JUST THINKING ABOUT SOME THINGS.

HUH?

ANYWAY, UM...

YOU CAN LET GO NOW.

KEEP IT TOGETHER, WILL YOU?

THAT FALL WOULD'VE KILLED YOU.

YEAH.

I KNOW.

RIGHT.

...

BUT...

JUST A LITTLE LONGER.

HUH?

WHA--

TH-THAT'S JUST WEIRD.

WE ONLY MET EACH OTHER YESTER-DAY.

I WONDER WHY?

FOR SOME REASON, I JUST FEEL SO DRAWN TO YOU.

IF ONLY I WERE A MUSICIAN...

...I'D PROBABLY MAKE THIS FEELING INTO A SONG.

YEAH_

SO ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I'D APPRE-CIATE IT IF YOU'D CON-SIDER_

_JOINING OUR BAND.

YEAH_

...

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YOU'RE KIDDING!!

YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT, AOI-SAN?!

FUNBOOK IS A REALLY POPULAR BAND THAT'S MADE ALL KINDS OF HEADLINES LATELY!

SHUN-KUN'S BAND IS AIMING TO GO PRO FOR REAL, THOUGH.

THEY'RE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN MY OLD BAND. WE JUST DID IT FOR FUN.

TH-THAT'S RIGHT.

WE JUST HAPPEN TO COME FROM THE SAME HOME-TOWN.

WE USED TO PLAY AT THE SAME CLUBS ALL THE TIME.

I WAS REALLY ENVIOUS OF YOUR TALENT AS A FELLOW GUITARIST AND VOCALIST.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOUR BAND WAS REALLY POPULAR, TOO.

THAT'S NOT--

WOW! SO AOI-SAN REALLY WAS AMAZING, HUH?

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN, FOR SHUN SHIRANUI OF FUNBOOK TO SAY THAT ABOUT HER!

COME ON.

JUST DROP IT ALREADY, OKAY?

YEP. THAT'S WHY I BEGGED HER...

...TO COME JOIN US IF WE EVER ACTUALLY WENT PRO.

WHOA, HANG ON. YOU'RE NOT STILL AFTER AOI, ARE YOU?

SHE'S PART OF OUR BAND NOW.

I KNOW THAT.

...

OF COURSE I'VE GIVEN UP BY NOW.

I JUST WANTED TO SEE HER.

FUUKA WOULDN'T GIVE US THE TIME OF DAY. I WONDERED WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHE'D...

...CHOSE TO FORM A BAND WITH.

IS THAT WHY YOU GOT HERE SO EARLY?

I HAD NOTHING ELSE GOING ON.

I JUST LEFT MY BAND-MATES TO DO SOME EXPLORING.

IT WAS HARUNA WHO ASKED AOI TO JOIN US.

HE EVEN CHASED HER ALL THE WAY TO SHIZUOKA.

IS THAT RIGHT?

YEAH, HE WAS HERE JUST A SECOND AGO.

HE'S PROBABLY OFF WORK-ING ON HIS NEW SONG AGAIN.

OH, HARUNA-SAN LEFT WITH SAKURA-CHAN A WHILE BACK.

HUH?

SHE SAID SHE WANTED HIM TO HELP HER MAKE DINNER.

...

HUH? WHEN DID THOSE TWO GET THAT CLOSE?

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SIGN: CAFETERIA

JEEZ-- YOU'RE GONNA BURN YOURSELF IF YOU TOUCH THE POT BARE-HANDED.

OW, HOT!!

JUST GO TAKE A BREAK.

I CAN HANDLE MAKING A POT OF CURRY MYSELF.

I-I'M FINE!! I'M REALLY GOOD AT COOKING, YOU KNOW!!

LIAR.

...

WAIT. HOW MANY DO I PUT IN AGAIN?

EH, FIVE OR SIX IS FINE.

MUTTER

MUTTER

UM...

ADD THE ROUX AFTER TURNING OFF THE HEAT..

I LOVE TO COOK!!

LEAVE IT TO ME!!

Sout

BLAM

CRASH

SPIIIICY!!

SHE WAS A TERRIBLE COOK, TOO.

IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO WORRY ABOUT ME, THEN GET THE SALAD--

TUNK

WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT?!

UH--

NOTH-ING.

!!

WAH!

WHUMP

!!

THAT'S DANGER-OUS...

B-BE CAREFUL, WOULD YOU?

HEE HEE.

SORRY.

IT'S ALMOST AS IF FUUKA AKITSUKI WAS REBORN AND CAME TO SEE ME.

SHE REALLY IS JUST LIKE HER IN EVERY WAY.

...THEN WHY DID YOU APPEAR BEFORE ME AGAIN?

BUT IF THAT'S TRUE...

I LOVE THAT SONG!

"FOR YOU" IS REALLY GREAT!!

FOR SOME REASON, I JUST FEEL SO DRAWN TO YOU.

WHAT WOULD IT SOUND LIKE?!

IF YOU WROTE A SONG ABOUT ME, HER LOOK-ALIKE...

IF ONLY I WERE A MUSICIAN...

...I'D PROBABLY MAKE THIS FEELING INTO A SONG.

UM--

WHAT'S WRONG?

...

I SEE. I GET IT NOW, FUUKA.

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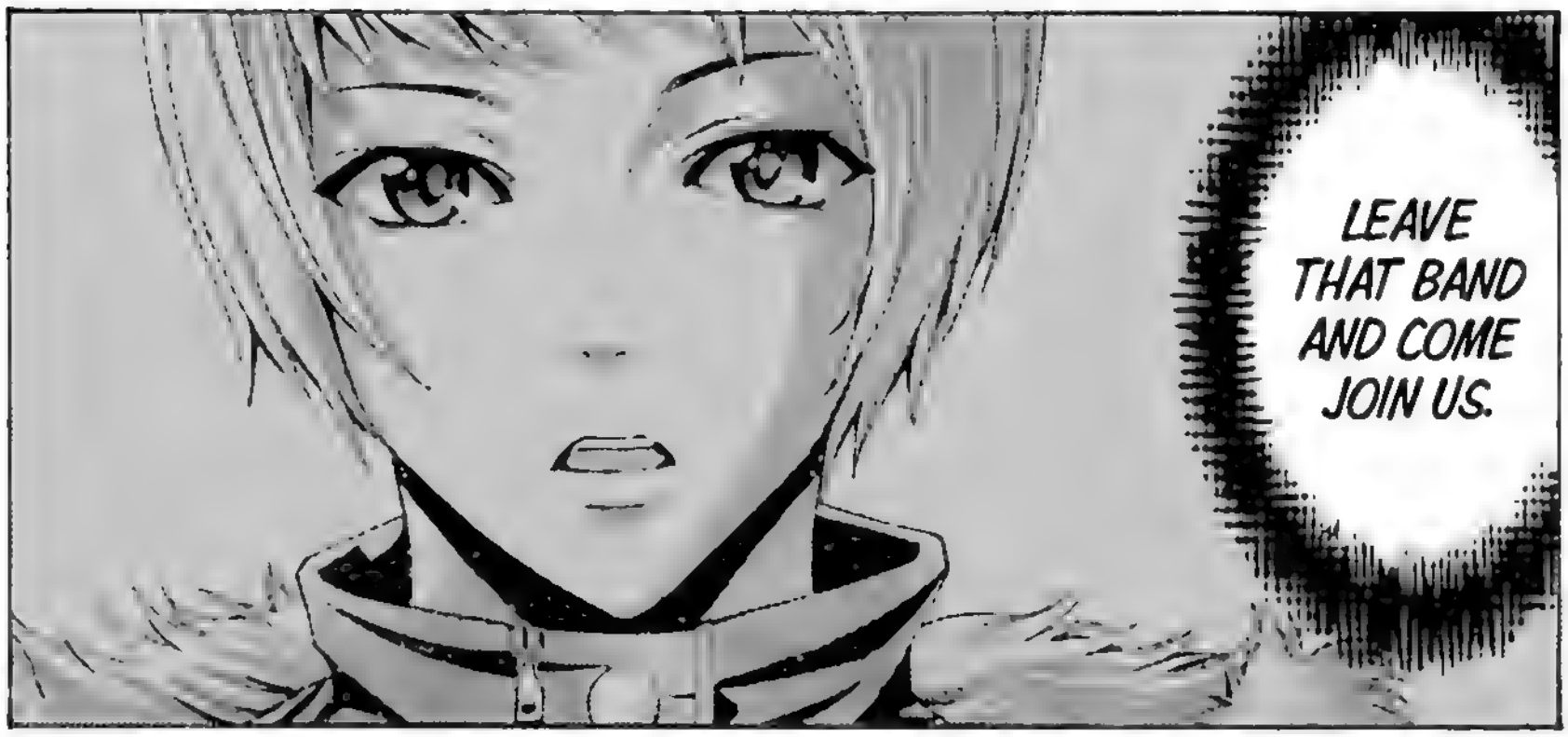

I DIDN'T JOIN THIS BAND ON A WHIM, AFTER ALL.

I CAN'T QUIT JUST BECAUSE IT HURTS A LITTLE.

...FINDS HIS HEART DRAWN TO SOMEONE ELSE.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YUU-KUN...

I COULD TELL FROM THE WAY YOU WERE ACTING, YUU-KUN.

AND I'LL STAY WITH THIS BAND.

I STILL LOVE BLUE WELLS.

O-OH. YOU COULD?

THIS IS KINDA EMBAR-RASSING.

I WAS TRYING TO COME UP WITH LYRICS FOR A NEW SONG UP UNTIL WE CAME HERE...

...

...BUT THE RIGHT WORDS WEREN'T COMING TO ME.

IT WAS WORRY-ING ME A LOT...

I THOUGHT MAYBE I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY-THING.

EVERY TIME I SEE YOU AND REMEMBER MY OLD GIRL-FRIEND...

FOR SOME REASON, THE WORDS POUR OUT FASTER THAN I CAN STOP THEM.

BUT--

YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO HEAR THIS, BUT...

...WHAT IT IS I WANT TO SAY, AND TO WHOM.

AND NOW I KNOW...

SO PLEASE LET ME WRITE...

...A SONG ABOUT YOU.

...

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEAR-ING IT.

...OKAY.

REGARD-LESS OF WHO YUU-KUN FALLS IN LOVE WITH, I'M--

IT DOESN'T MATTER!

WHOA --!

TMP

WHAT'S WRONG, FUUKA? WHY THE RUSH?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

IT JUST HURTS SO MUCH.

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BEING ABLE TO STAY HERE FOR FREE IS GREAT FOR BANDS THAT DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY.

THERE ARE A LOT MORE PEOPLE HERE NOW THAT THE FESTIVAL'S TOMORROW.

YEAH-- IT TOOK A WHILE, BUT THEY'LL BE DONE BY TONIGHT.

I WENT BACK AND FORTH ON A LOT OF THINGS, BUT IT'LL MAKE IT.

WE MANAGED TO GET THE NEW SONG'S ARRANGE-MENT FINISHED...

...BUT DID YOU GET THE LYRICS ALL DONE, YUU-KUN?

NOODLE

NO

...

PLEASE LET ME WRITE...

...A SONG ABOUT YOU.

SORRY... I FORGOT I HAD SOMETHING TO DO.

SKRUT

HUH?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, FUUKA?

I JUST...

...NEED TO TALK TO SHUN-KUN FOR A BIT.

HUH?

HEY--

SHE'S BEEN HANGING AROUND THAT SHUN SHIRANUI GUY A LOT SINCE HE SHOWED UP.

WHAT--? SHE HAS?

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HER.

I NEED TO TALK TO HER ABOUT THE LYRICS.

Y'KNOW, HARUNA, JUMPING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN TWO GIRLS ALWAYS ENDS IN FAILURE IN ROM-COMS.

WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?!

...

I GUESS YOU DIDN'T NOTICE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN OFF FLIRTING WITH SAKURA-CHAN ALL THE TIME.

I-I HAVE NOT!

SIGH...

PLEASE LET ME WRITE...

...A SONG ABOUT YOU.

THE DAY WE GOT HERE, YOU ASKED ME UP ON THE ROOFTOP...

...WHAT IT'D BE LIKE IF I WROTE A SONG ABOUT YOU, SOMEONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE MY OLD GIRLFRIEND.

TO BE HONEST, IT'S NOT JUST "LOOKS LIKE." YOU SEEM LIKE THE REAL DEAL.

WHEN I TALK TO YOU, IT'S LIKE I'M WITH HER AGAIN, AND IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY.

BUT...

I WANT YOU TO LET ME...

...MAKE MY SONG ABOUT THAT.

EVEN SO, I REALIZED THAT I STILL LOVE FUUKA AOI.

OH...

KLAT

KLAT

THE FESTIVAL FINALLY STARTS TOMOR-ROW!

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LYRICS TO THE NEW SONG YET?

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TUP

AOI-SAN!

AH.

SAKURA-CHAN..

NOT YET..

NO.

YEAH.

AFTER ALL..

I-I SEE..

THAT GOOD, HUH?

YUU-KUN LET ME HEAR A BIT OF IT, AND IT WAS REALLY GREAT!

REALLY? WELL, YOU'D BETTER LISTEN TO THEM SOON.

HE DID WRITE IT WITH ME IN MIND.

SHE'S BEEN HANGING AROUND THAT SHUN SHIRANUI GUY A LOT SINCE HE SHOWED UP.

WHERE THE HECK DID FUUKA GO...

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TMP

HUH?

MORNING, YUU-KUN.

BUT NOW SHE'S--

W-WELL, HE'S AN OLD BAND BUDDY!

I HAVEN'T REALLY INTRODUCED MYSELF TO YOU.

I'M SHUN SHIRANUI, THE VOCALIST OF THE BAND FUNBOOK.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

...

I'M YUU HARUNA.

UM... SO YOU'RE A FRIEND OF FUUKA'S?

I DON'T KNOW IF I'D SAY "FRIEND."

WHA...

IT WAS A LITTLE DEEPER THAN THAT.

SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO GO OUT WITH ANOTHER GUY TO FORGET ABOUT ME, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.

WHEN I SAW HER HERE AFTER ALL THAT TIME, SHE SAID THE SAME ABOUT ME.

...BUT I NEVER FORGOT ABOUT HER FOR A SINGLE DAY.

IT FELL APART NATURALLY WHEN WE LANDED A PRODUCER BEFORE SHE DID...

SHE ALSO SAID SHE WANTED TO JOIN OUR BAND... AS MY GIRLFRIEND.

IT'S TRUE.

THAT CAN'T BE--

HUH?

SHE'S A MEMBER OF OUR BAND NOW.

D-DON'T BE RIDIC-ULOUS!!

I RESPECTED HER A LOT AS AN ARTIST, TOO.

IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.

SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T LEAVE IF SHE WANTED TO...

...BECAUSE SHE HAD A DEBT AND AN OBLIGATION TO YOU GUYS.

!!

SO STOP TYING HER DOWN AND MAKING HER SUFFER.

SHE HAS HER OWN LIFE.

I GUESS I REALLY WAS JUST IN THE WAY.

...

BLUE WELLS COULD BE A MUCH BETTER BAND...

YUU-KUN CAN WRITE BETTER SONGS WITH HER BY HIS SIDE THAN WITH ME.

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE.

HUH?

...IF I...

...WEREN'T IN IT...

YUU-
KUN...

SHIRANUI-
SAN JUST
TOLD ME
SOME-
THING.
HE
SAID YOU
WANTED
TO LEAVE
OUR
BAND--
IS THAT
TRUE?

YEAH...

I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS!!

TELL ME WHY!!

BUT WHY ?!

BUT--

IT'S TRUE.

...I'M SORRY.

I DON'T WANT TO SAY WHY.

...

DOES IT HAVE...

...SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHO YOU LOVE?

CLENCH

WHA--

IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, THEN DON'T ASK.

YOU CAN BE REALLY HURTFUL, YOU KNOW THAT?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S...

...KIND OF SELF-ISH?

H-HOW IS IT SELF-ISH?

AND YET YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE BAND FOR A SELFISH REASON LIKE THAT!!

WE'RE ALL DOING THE BEST WE CAN TO MAKE THIS TOUR A SUCCESS AND SAVE OUR COMPANY!

BUT I CAN'T DO THIS!

I... I SAID I WAS SORRY, OKAY?

AND NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT-- I WANT YOU TO SING IT!!

AND BESIDES, OUR NEW SONG IS ALMOST FINISHED!!

I...

I'M TELLING YOU I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A SONG LIKE THAT!

JUST DROP IT ALREADY !!

?!

I DON'T-

HH

WHOOOOSH

...WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW...

PLEASE, JUST LET ME BE ALONE.

EXCUSE ME! PLEASE DON'T STEP INTO THE ROADWAY! IT'S DANGER-OUS!!

PLEASE STAY IN THE LINE!!

YAMMER

YAMMER

Fuuka

WHEW..

I WOULD RATHER HAVE HELPED OUT WITH YUU-KUN'S BAND AND THEIR SHOW..

FUNBOOK LIVE
OPEN 13:00
START 13:30

..BUT I COULDN'T CHOOSE MY PLACEMENT.

HEY, KATSURAGI-SAN!! COME HERE A SEC!!

OKAY!

TMP

TMP

Fuuka

141 NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL!

YOU'RE REALLY SURE ABOUT THIS?

WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?

I THOUGHT BLUE WELLS' SHOW WAS ABOUT TO START.

YEAH.

THAT BAND IS BETTER OFF WITH-OUT ME.

!!

...

I SEE.

YUU-KUN SEEMS TO WRITE BETTER MUSIC THAT WAY.

AND I DON'T WANT TO DRAG THEM DOWN WITH MY SELFISH DEMANDS ANY LONGER.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING. THE OTHER MEMBERS AND OUR AGENCY HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO IT.

OKAY.

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE FANS ONCE THE SHOW STARTS.

OKAY, THEN.

...

LIVE ROCK IT

HUH?

SORRY TO ASK, BUT COULD YOU HELP OUT WITH THE BLUE WELLS SHOW OVER AT INSA?

HEY, KATSU-RAGI-SAN!

OH-- SORRY!

SEEMS THEY'RE SHORT-HANDED THERE.

AND THE REST OF US CAN'T LEAVE HERE.

IT'S NOT THAT FAR, SO COULD YOU GO GIVE THEM A HAND?

SURE!! I'M ON IT!

!!

WHUMP

WHOA!

AH! SORRY !!

DASH

I'LL HEAD RIGHT OVER THERE, THEN!

HEY, NO NEED TO BE IN SUCH A RUSH--

HA HA. SHE'S ONE SPUNKY GIRL.

ISN'T SHE FROM TOKYO?

YEAH.

WHY WOULD SHE COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO HELP WITH A LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL?

DUNNO. MUST BE SOME BAND HERE THAT SHE REALLY LIKES, I GUESS?

APPARENTLY SHE APPLIED TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER STAFF LAST WEEK AND WAS BEGGING TO HELP.

INSA
LIVE HOUSE

YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HER?!

INSA

THE STAFF SAID SHE WASN'T AT THE SCHOOL, EITHER.

NO.

WE'VE LOOKED ALL OVER THIS AREA.

I'M TELLING YOU I DON'T WANT TO SING A SONG LIKE THAT!

JUST DROP IT ALREADY!!

...

MAN, WHERE THE HELL WOULD AOI RUN OFF TO ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW?

THE AUDIENCE IS ALREADY FILLING UP.

I'M SORRY.

IT'S BECAUSE I ARGUED WITH HER LAST NIGHT...

WHAT DID YOU ARGUE ABOUT THAT MADE HER DO THIS?

JUST... WELL... A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED.

EXCUSE ME, I WAS SENT HERE TO HELP OUT--

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

OH-- SAKURA-CHAN!

WHETHER YOU'RE IN AN ARGUMENT OR YOUR PARENTS DIE, WORK IS WORK.

SHE'S SERIOUSLY LACKING IN PROFES-SIONALISM.

AOI-SAN SUDDENLY DISAP-PEARED.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER, HAVE YOU?

HUH?

...

UM...

...

NO...

I HAVENT.

I SEE.

YEAH, THAT FIGURES.

THIS IS BAD.

IS SHE REALLY NOT EVEN GONNA SHOW UP?

WE'LL BE STARTING SOON! PLEASE STAND BY!

OH...

OKAY.

UM...

...

YOU CAN STILL PERFORM WITHOUT AOI-SAN, CAN'T YOU?

WHAT?

DON'T BE STUPID.

FOR NOW, JUST THE FOUR OF YOU CAN--

BLUE WELLS CAN GET BY FINE WITHOUT AOI-SAN, RIGHT?

YOU STILL HAVE A VOCALIST AND A GUITARIST.

THE FIVE OF US ARE BLUE WELLS TOGETHER.

WITHOUT FUUKA, THERE'S NO POINT.

YUU-KUN...

WAIT!

HARUNA-SAN, THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO START!

I'M GONNA GO LOOK FOR HER ONE MORE TIME!

I'LL BE BACK HERE WITH HER BEFORE THEN! WHATEVER IT TAKES!!

HOW CAN YOU TWO SMILE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT A PROB-LEM.

GOOD GRIEF. NOW WE'VE LOST BOTH OUR VOCAL-ISTS.

...

...

I'LL TRY THE SCHOOL AGAIN.

WE NEED FUUKA WITH US, NO MATTER WHAT!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO SHE REALLY LIKES.

SHE'S NOT THAT WAY.

SAKURA-CHAN...

I SAW HER THERE WITH SHIRANUI-SAN.

AOI-SAN IS AT THE CLUB WHERE FUNBOOK'S PLAYING.

BUT YOU SAID YOU HADN'T SEEN HER.

WHAT?

!!

SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO QUIT BLUE WELLS AND JOIN SHIRANUI-SAN'S BAND...

...SO I THOUGHT...

...IT WOULD BE BETTER THIS WAY.

I TOLD AOI-SAN...

...THAT YOU WROTE YOUR NEW SONG FOR ME.

IT WAS MY FAULT.

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

...

IT'S PAINFULLY OBVIOUS...

...THAT YOU REALLY LIKE AOI-SAN...

AND I'M PRETTY SURE SHE REALLY LIKES YOU, TOO...

BE-CAUSE...

SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER IF AOI-SAN JUST WENT AWAY...

AND THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT FOR ME.

...

BE-CAUSE...

WHOOOOSH

THEN...

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME ALL THIS NOW?

FUUKA AKITSUKI IS...

...NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL.

WHA--

HURRY AND GO FIND HER.

...

I'M SURE SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU.

THANKS!!

THIS IS...

...WHAT YOU WANTED, RIGHT...

...AKI-TSUKI-SAN?

Fuuka

HEY-- HARU-NA!

WE'VE GOTTA GET SET UP OR WE'LL REALLY BE IN TROUBLE!!

I SWEAR I'LL BRING FUUKA BACK!

JUST TRY TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THEN!!

HUH ?!

HEY, WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU GOING?!

IT NEEDS FUUKA AOI!

BLUE WELLS NEEDS YOU...

HA-RU-NA!!

HEY! AT LEAST TELL ME WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!

...

AND THIS TIME...

DON'T LET GO OF HER HAND.

142 WAIT A MINUTE!

I'M FUNBOOK'S MANAGER, KISO.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

I'M FUUKA AOI.

AH.

HELLO...

I KNOW!

ANYWAY, I NEVER IMAGINED AOI WOULD ACTUALLY JOIN OUR BAND.

WE INVITED YOU ALL THOSE TIMES BACK THEN, AND YOU ALWAYS SAID NO.

...

KISO-SAN, DON'T BE SO OVERBEARING. YOU'LL SCARE OFF FUUKA.

YOU'RE HUGE ENOUGH AS IT IS.

HOW RUDE. I ONLY INTRODUCED MYSELF.

...

THAT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH OUR BAND HAS IMPROVED.

ENOUGH THAT FUUKA WANTED TO JOIN US.

WELL, I KNOW ZETA MUSIC IS A HUGE COMPANY THAT EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF.

I'D DEFINITELY JOIN IF THEY INVITED ME.

UM...

WHY DID YOU ASK ME TO JOIN THE BAND, ANYWAY?

OH, IT WAS OUR PRESIDENT'S IDEA.

YOUR PRESIDENT?

SHE THOUGHT ADDING A FEMALE MEMBER WOULD BE THE BEST WAY...

KLAT

KLAT

...TO REALLY START GETTING FUNBOOK'S NAME OUT THERE.

BUT IT'S NOT AS IF JUST ANYONE WOULD DO.

OH, PRESI-DENT IKOMA...

HI, THERE. NICE TO MEET YOU.

WHEN I MENTIONED THAT TO THE BAND'S FOUR MEMBERS...

...SHUN SAID THERE WAS ONE GIRL HE REALLY WANTED TO BRING IN.

I LISTENED TO A CD OF YOURS TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU COULD DO...

...AND YOU ARE VERY GOOD, INDEED.

BOTH YOUR VOICE AND YOUR LOOKS.

...NO, EVEN BETTER THAN THE HEDGEHOGS.

IF YOU JOIN FUNBOOK, I BELIEVE IT CAN BE AS GOOD AS...

...THE WORLD HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR ITS NEXT LEGENDARY BAND.

SINCE THE HEDGE-HOGS BROKE UP...

...THAT SPECIAL.

I'M NOT...

DID YOU MEMORIZE OUR SONGS BEFORE YOU GOT HERE?

ANY-WAY...

DON'T WORRY.

WE KNOW YOUR TALENT BETTER THAN ANYONE.

HUH?

GOOD, THEN.

I CAN'T WAIT TO STAND ON THE SAME STAGE WITH YOU.

YEAH...

...MORE OR LESS.

THIS IS FRESHLY CAUGHT SAURY FROM BOUSHUU, PURCHASED AT NIHONBASHI'S FISH MARKET.

YES, MY LORD.

THE BEST SAURY COMES FROM MEGURO.

OH, THAT WON'T DO.

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF USING RAKUGO AS AN OPENING ACT FOR A CONCERT.

THIS ROUTINE IS "THE SAURY OF MEGURO" BY SAN'YUUTEI ENRAKU THE FIFTH.

WHAT THE HECK IS HARUNA DOING?

OH, COME ON... HOW LONG IS THIS GONNA GO ON?

HUH? WHAT IS THIS, RAKU-GO?

WE CAME HERE TO SEE A CONCERT.

関係者以外
立入禁止!!
FUNBOOK

YUU-SAN...

PLEASE HURRY BACK...

SIGN: ONLY PERSONNEL ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!

SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY!!

HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?!

WHOA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

EX-CUSE ME!

FUNBOOK STAFF

WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME...!

WHERE ARE YOU, FUUKA?!

FUUKA!

FUNBOOK様

KA-CHAK

ガチャ

HEY, YOU!

OH! THIS MUST BE IT!!

FUNBOOK様

HUH?

AND WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?!

ON THE STAGE, OF COURSE. THE SHOW'S ALREADY STARTED.

UH, EXCUSE ME, BUT WAS THERE A GIRL HERE--

I MEAN, UM, WHERE IS SHIRANUI-SAN?!

HUH?

STAFF

GO ON, GET OUT OF HERE NOW.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONCERT. THEY'RE ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBER.

SHUN!!

SHUN!!

WOO

HI, EVERYONE! WE'RE FUNBOOK!!

SO TODAY, AS SOME OF YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED...

...THERE ARE CAMERAS IN HERE!

THIS SHOW WILL BE STREAMED ALL OVER THE WORLD!

...

AND THAT'S BE-CAUSE...

WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MAJOR ANNOUNCE-MENT FOR YOU TODAY...

HUH? WHAT IS IT?!

ARE THEY ANNOUNCING A TOUR?!

...SO WE WANTED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO HEAR IT.

...AOI-SAN.

MAKE IT GOOD.

KLAT

STARTING TODAY, YOUR WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO CHANGE.

IT'S A CINDERELLA STORY BROUGHT TO LIFE.

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SIGHTS THAT SOME PODUNK PRODUCTION COMPANY COULD NEVER SHOW YOU.

SHOVE

AH--

HERE'S OUR NEW MEM-BER...

...FUUKA AOI!!

UH...

WO

FUNBOOK'S GETTING A NEW MEMBER?!

A NEW MEMBER?!

WHAT?! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!

OOF

...WHAT I WANT?

IS THIS REALLY...

WHAT DO I DO?

...REALLY...

IS THIS...

...I'M THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW?

WHAT'S THE USE...

THERE'S NO WAY YUU-KUN WILL FORGIVE ME...

KLAT

I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO BACK TO ANY-MORE.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LEGEND.

NOW...

...

COME ON, HURRY UP!

DON'T BE SHY. COME OVER HERE!

WAIT A MINUTE!!

...!

WHA...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HAHH...

HFF...

YUU-KUN_

FUUKA AOI...

...IS A MEMBER OF *OUR* BAND!!

STARTING TODAY, YOUR WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO CHANGE.

IT'S A CINDERELLA STORY BROUGHT TO LIFE.

...

UH... I--

SHOVE!!

AH!

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SIGHTS THAT SOME PODUNK PRODUCTION COMPANY COULD NEVER SHOW YOU.

OUR NEW MEM-BER...

Fuuka

143 DECISION AND FLIGHT!

WOOO

WOOO

...

WHAT DO I DO?

WHAT?! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!

A NEW MEM-BER?!

FUNBOOK'S GETTING A NEW MEMBER?

IS THIS REALLY...

KLAT

...WHAT I WANT?

WHAT?! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

AOI IS LEAVING HARUNA'S BAND?!

YASSAN, THIS IS A HOSPITAL. KEEP IT DOWN.

I KNOW, BUT--!!

...

IT'S JUST A MEMBER CHANGE.

HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

SARA NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.

SHE LOOKS...

...LIKE A LITTLE LOST CHILD.

DON'T BE SHY. COME OVER HERE.

COME ON, HURRY UP.

...

...AND WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE... NONE OF THAT MATTERS.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

OUR BAND!!

I GUESS I...

THE ONLY FUUKA IN MY LIFE IS YOU!!

...MIGHT HAVE STILL FELT KIND OF UNEASY.

...FUUKA-CHAN IS IN HIS HEART TO THIS DAY.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CAME TO LIKE YUU-KUN...

STILL...

BUT...

IS THIS REALLY WHAT I WANTED?

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I HAVE DONE?

...IN THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW?

WHAT'S THE USE...

I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO BACK TO ANYMORE.

THERE'S NO WAY YUU-KUN WILL FORGIVE ME.

NOW...

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LEGEND.

...

FUUKA, COME ON!

WAIT A MINUTE!!

HAHH

!!

WHAT --?

YUU-KUN...

HFF

HFF

HEY, YOU!!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! THEIR CONCERT'S STARTED!

LET GO OF ME!

N-NOT SURE.

WHAT IS ALL THIS COMMO-TION?!

WHOA!

EXCUSE ME! LET ME THROUGH!

WHAT THE HECK?!

MURMUR

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

MURMUR

SOME WEIRDO JUST BUSTED IN!

YOU THINK HE'S DANGER-OUS?

YUU-KUN...

WHY --?

FUUKA!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

THE SHOW HAS ALREADY STARTED!

...

WHY ELSE?! I CAME TO GET YOU!

FUUKA AOI...

...IS A MEMBER OF OUR BAND!!

!!

FWIP

HURRY!!

EVERY-ONE'S WAIT-ING!!

THAT WAY IS ONLY DARK-NESS.

A PATH LINED WITH THORNS.

SORRY...

...SHUN-KUN!

...

HUH?!

SHE JUMPED OFF--

YUU-KUN!!

WHUMP

NO MATTER WHAT, I STILL WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU.

I'M SORRY...

...

AH--

LET'S GO!!

…

STOP THE CAMERAS!!

ワイ!! TUG

WE CAN'T LET THIS BE STREAMED!

TUG

UH...

DID YOU ALL ENJOY THAT?

WE PUT ON A LITTLE PRODUCTION TO SHOW YOU WHAT OUR NEW SONG IS ABOUT!

HUH? WHAT IS THIS?

HE JUST TOOK THE NEW MEMBER AWAY.

HA HA HA HA HA!!

HMPH. WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?

YOU'VE GROWN, HARUNA-KUN!! YOUR TEACHER'S SO PROUD!

TONE IT DOWN, YOU GUYS.

YES! THAT'S IT, HARUNA!! NICE GOING!

THESE GUYS REALLY ARE THE BEST.

THIS IS GREAT.

I HAVE A FEELING THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOME-THING...

...SOMEDAY, THAT'S FAR MORE AMAZING THAN ANY-THING WE EVER DID.

B-BUT--
YUU-KUN,
I...

Fuuka

COME ON!

EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING
FOR
YOU!!

144 HOT BREEZE!

I HOPE YOU KNOW...

...THE PRICE YOU'LL PAY FOR DOING THIS.

BAM

DON'T WORRY!

I'LL TEACH YOU THE SONG NOW!!

YOU WROTE THAT SONG FOR SAKURA-CHAN.

BUT --!

I WANT YOU TO SING IT WITH ME, EVEN IF ONLY ON THE CHORUS!

I WANT TO SING IT WITH YOU, NO MATTER WHAT!

MY FIRST TIME SINGING IT HAS TO BE WITH YOU!!

...

OKAY.

INSA
LIVE HOUSE

I WILL.

CHOMP

I'M GONNA EAT THREE POPSICLES AT ONCE!

CHOMP

CHOMP

OKAY, WELL--

HERE GOES.

MURMUR

MURMUR

TWINGE

AGAAAAH!!

WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING?

WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE THEM.

HA HA HA!! WHAT AN IDIOT!

...

FUCK!

THIS IS STUPID. I SHOULD'VE GONE TO FUNBOOK'S SHOW.

COME ON, LET'S JUST GO.

WHAT THE HECK? I CAME BECAUSE I HEARD THEY WERE GOOD.

WE CAN'T HOLD OUT ANY LONGER, HARUNA-SAN!

WHAT A DIS-GRACE.

THE CONCERT WILL START SOON!

PLEASE WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER !!

U-UM!

YUU-KUN... I GUESS IT WAS NO USE AFTER ALL.

FORGET IT. I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

MOVE IT! WE CAN'T GET THROUGH!

BUT --!!

YOUR CONCERT IS RUINED BECAUSE I SAID SOME-THING I SHOULDN'T HAVE.

I'M SORRY.

FOOM

GIMME A BREAK !!

NO WAY! A BLACK-OUT?!

WH-WHAT ?!

HUH --?!

FLASH !!

!!

HAHH...

HAHH...

HAHH...

HAHH...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

WE'RE BLUE WELLS! THANKS FOR COMING TO SEE US!!

EVERY CONCERT THEY PUT ON GOES HAYWIRE SOME-HOW.

HMPH.

OH.

WHAT. THEY'RE FINALLY GONNA START?

THANK GOOD-NESS...

YUU-KUN...

YOU WERE ABLE TO BRING AOI-SAN BACK.

UNGH-

ARE YOU GOOD TO GO?

NACHI-SENPAI.

I'M GONNA LECTURE HER GOOD LATER-

I FINISHED...

I FINALLY FINISHED IT. FUUKA.

YEAH!

禁煙
No smoking

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UH, OKAY, SO WE'RE GOING TO START OUT WITH A NEW SONG.

HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!

TOOM

BWAANG

HH MURMUR

"& YOU!!!"

-THE SONG THAT I WANT TO EXPRESS TO BOTH OF YOU!!

DUM

SPIDA-NG

DUM

DUM

DUM

DUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

...YOU WERE STILL IN MY HEART...

...SMILING LIKE THE SUMMER.

AFTER I SEARCHED TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR YOU...

...

SO...

...MY SONG NEVER REACHED FOR YOU.

NO MATTER HOW HARD I WISHED FOR YOU...

...ARE BEGINNING TO TURN A DIFFERENT COLOR.

...AND THE WORDS I USED TO TELL MY FEELINGS TO YOU...

EVEN THE STARS WE ONCE LOOKED UP AT...

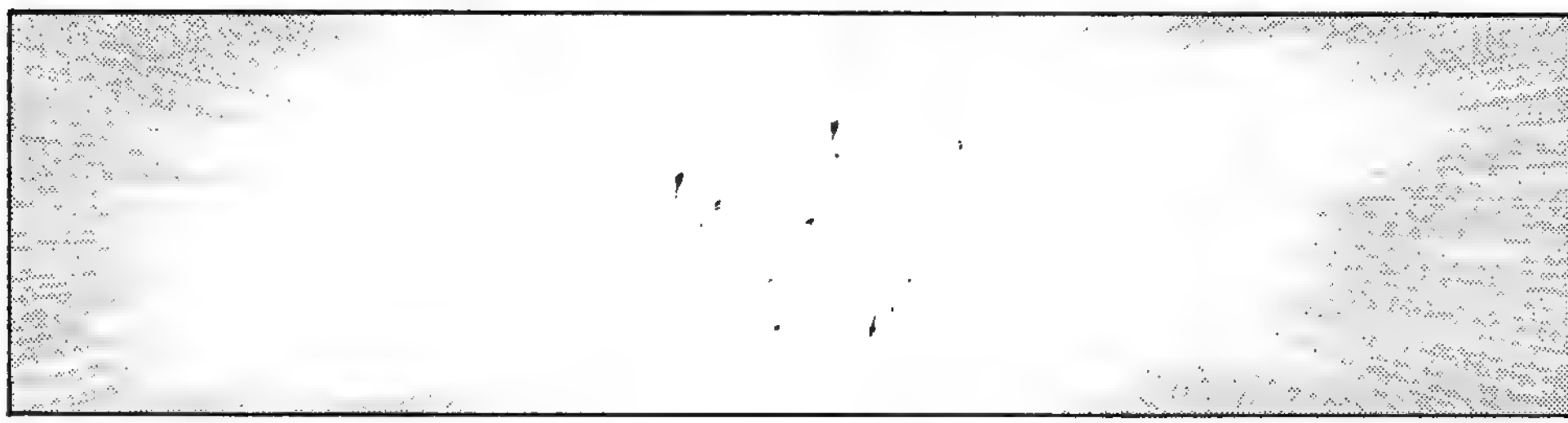
!!

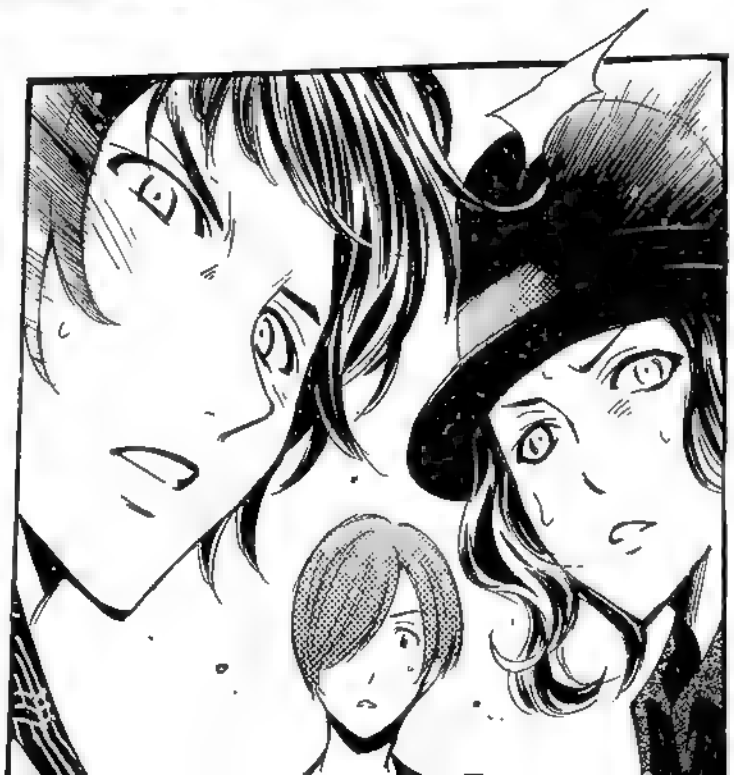
...OF THE HAND I'M HOLDING NOW.

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LET GO...

I KNOW I WOULDN'T TURN AROUND.

EVEN IF I KNEW I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN.





WOOT

YOUR FEELINGS REACHED ME.

THANK YOU...

...

...TO LET GO OF THIS HAND, EITHER.

I'M NEVER GOING...

AH HAH.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU TRIED TO QUIT OUR BAND AND JOIN FUNBOOK, EH?

145 WHY I WANTED TO BE THAT WAY.

YEAH...

I'M SORRY.

I THOUGHT I WAS JUST GETTING IN EVERYONE'S WAY... SO I...

DID WE EVER SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

THAT'S RIGHT.

IT WAS HARUNA'S FAULT THE SONG WASN'T GETTING DONE.

B-BUT THE NEW SONG WAS WELL-RECEIVED, SO IT WORKED OUT IN THE END, RIGHT?!

SINCE THERE WERE ENTRY RESTRICTIONS, YOU MIGHT EVEN HAVE A SHOT AT BEING THE MOST POPULAR ACT!

THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW!

JEEZ! YOU'RE SO SCARY!

HUH ?!

...

...

HUH?

ANYWAY, DON'T EVER SAY YOU'RE LEAVING THE BAND AGAIN.

...FUUKA-SAN.

SHE'S RIGHT...

...FUUKA!

YEAH.

SO HANG IN THERE...

YOU'RE... O-ONE OF US, FUUKA-SAN.

YOU GUYS...

BY THE WAY...

I HAVEN'T SEEN YUU-SAN IN A WHILE. WHERE IS HE?

HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO AND HEADED BACK.

HUH?

COME TO THINK OF IT...

...

OKAY.

THANKS.

!!

RUMBLE

AND I WAS HOPING TO ASK HIM...

...TO EXPLAIN THOSE NEW LYRICS IN DETAIL.

H-HE SAID THEY DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR!

!!!

HUH?

BUT THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY ABOUT YOU, WEREN'T THEY, AOI-SAN?

YOU WERE ABOUT TO KISS HIM THAT ONE TIME, TOO.

AOBA-CHAN?!

YOU TRIED SO HARD TO COVER IT UP.

AOBA-CHAN!!

AH.

I FIGURED YOU'D BE UP HERE.

CLANG

CLANG

CLANG

YUU-KUN...

...

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. YOU WEREN'T IN THE CLUB.

I WAS ABLE TO BRING FUUKA BACK BECAUSE OF YOU.

THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DID TODAY.

IT WAS ALL MY FAULT TO BEGIN WITH.

NO.

SHUFFLE

HEY...

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

...

...KNOW FUUKA AKITSUKI?

DO YOU, BY ANY CHANCE...

MY PARENTS DIVORCED LAST MONTH.

STARTING THIS YEAR, I TRANSFERRED TO A SCHOOL IN THE TOWN WHERE MY MOM GREW UP.

HUH?

...MY LAST NAME WAS KAWABATA.

UNTIL JUST RECENT-LY...

KAWA-BATA...?

WAIT-- THAT SOUNDS FAMILIAR.

I USED TO GO TO AOBA HIGH SCHOOL IN TOKYO.

AND IN MY FIRST YEAR, I WAS IN CLASS 1-A.

THAT'S...

...

I WAS IN THE SAME CLASS AS YOU.

YEAH...

WHA--

YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER...

BUT I TALKED TO YOU THE DAY YOU TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL.

?!

WHAT ?!

...I WAS ALWAYS WATCHING.

AND WHEN YOU WERE TALKING WITH AKITSUKI-SAN ABOUT WRITING NEW SONGS...

SQUEE SQUEE

YEAH, THE CONCERT AT THE SCHOOL FAIR WAS GREAT!

HARUNA-KUN, HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A CLUB YET?

...

I'M GLAD YOU RE-MEMBER NOW.

OH --!

KAWABATA-SAN?! NO WAY. YOU LOOK TOTALLY-- UM-- WHAT?!

B-BUT WHY..

..DID YOU DO ALL THIS?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT MY FACE KIND OF RE-SEMBLED AKITSUKI-SAN.

I TRIED CHANGING MY HAIR AND PUTTING ON MAKEUP. AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW SIMILAR I LOOKED TO HER.

BUT..

ON THE INSIDE, I'M THE EXACT OPPO-SITE.

TMP

A

!!

COMPARED TO AKITSUKI-SAN, THE CHEERFUL ENERGETIC GIRL EVERY-ONE LIKED...

...I WAS QUIET AND GLOOMY AND JUST SAT UNNOTICED IN A CORNER OF THE CLASS-ROOM.

EVEN THOUGH WE LOOKED SO SIMILAR... I DIDN'T GET IT.

I ALWAYS. ALWAYS WISHED I COULD BE LIKE HER.

SO I DECIDED TO MOVE TO A TOWN WHERE NO ONE KNEW ME...

...AND BECOME THE PERSON I ADMIRED SO MUCH.

...

...

WHY?

FUKUOKA MACH-FES

THEN I SAW ONLINE THAT YOUR BAND WOULD BE PLAYING HERE AT THE CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL...

...AND I DECIDED TO COME TO SEE YOU.

BECAUSE I REALLY WANTED...

...TO BE YOUR GIRLFRIEND.

HUH?

I WAS ALWAYS WATCHING AKITSUKI-SAN, SO I COULD TELL

AFTER SHE MET YOU, SHE SHONE EVEN BRIGHTER THAN BEFORE.

AS IF SHE HAD GAINED A GREAT PAIR OF WINGS.

SO I THOUGHT IF I DATED YOU TOO...

...THEN I COULD BE MORE LIKE FUUKA AKITSUKI.

TO ACHIEVE THAT, I TRACED BACK THROUGH YOUR PAST TWEETS...

...SO THAT WE COULD MEET IN THE SAME WAY AND HAVE THE SAME MEMORIES.

I THOUGHT THAT WOULD MAKE YOU LIKE ME.

...

IS THAT REALLY_

_WHAT YOU WANTED?

YOU ONLY WANTED TO BE SIMILAR TO FUUKA.

YOU DIDN'T WANT TO ACTUALLY BECOME HER. DID YOU?

...

PUSHING YOURSELF TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T ACTUALLY LIKE WOULD ONLY HURT YOU.

AND THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT.

I KNOW THAT.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

-THE MORE I WAS BECOMING LIKE THE OLD SELF THAT I ALWAYS HATED.

I REALIZED THAT THE HARDER I TRIED-

-TO DOING SOMETHING SO CRUEL TO AOI-SAN-

FROM TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO YOU BY READING YOUR TWITTER-

-A TERRIBLE PERSON.

I REALLY AM-

...

YOU TOLD ME WHERE FUUKA AOI WAS.

AFTER ALL...

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

...ONLY BECAUSE I KNEW THAT'S WHAT AKITSUKI-SAN WOULD DO.

THAT WAS...

YOU'RE WRONG.

YOU DID THAT ON YOUR OWN.

THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY BAND.

"SAKURA KATSURAGI" IS THE BEST SUPPORT MEMBER WE COULD'VE ASKED FOR.

HUH --?

I KIND OF UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL.

I'M SORRY FOR STEAL-ING YOUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

AND ALSO...

I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU...

...I HAD THE SAME MINDSET YOU DID.

UNTIL I MET FUUKA...

...

YUU-SAN!!

UNDER-STAND WHAT?

I THINK...

I SORT OF UNDER-STAND NOW, TOO.

COULD YOU EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS...

...ABOUT THE NEW SONG LYRICS...?

HUH?!

AH--

L-LET'S TAKE OUR TIME AND DISCUSS THIS!!

WELL, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE--

I THINK I UNDER-STAND...

...WHY YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH YUU-KUN.

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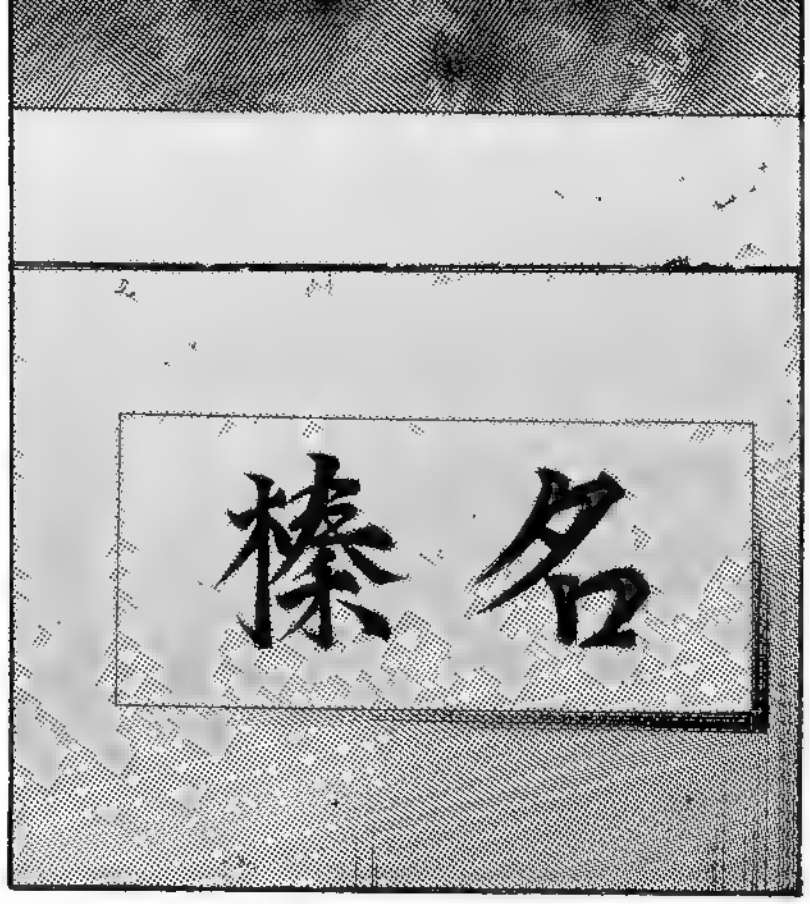
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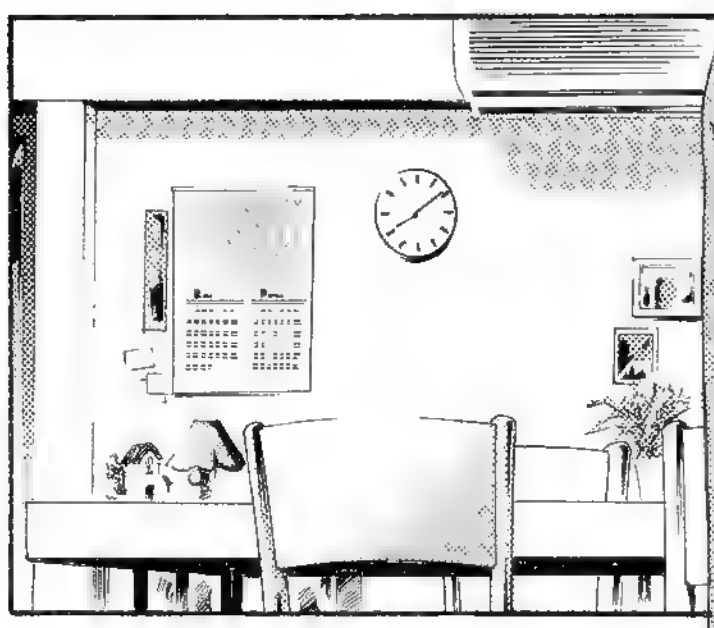
SIGN: HARUNA

HEY, YUU!
YUU! OPEN UP YOUR EARS!



WE'RE ALL OUTTA BEER! GO OUT AND BUY SOME!

OH... OH, YEAH.
HE ISN'T HERE ANY-MORE.

THUMP

THUMP

HEY! HEY, YUU! HAVE YOU SEEN MY T-SHIRT?

THE YELLOW ONE! THE ONE WITH THE UGLY BEAR ON IT?!

OH, YEAH. HE'S NOT HERE, HUH?

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR T-SHIRT, IT WAS MIXED UP WITH MY LAUNDRY.

HUH? ... OKAY.

...

BUT IT'S A LOT MORE COMFORT-ABLE HERE WITHOUT HIM AROUND.

S-SURE IS! THERE'S NOBODY TO COMPLAIN IF I WANT TO WALK AROUND IN MY UNDERWEAR AFTER A BATH.

DO YOU THINK... ...YUU'S DOING OKAY?

WHO KNOWS? HE HASN'T TWEETED AT ALL SINCE THE DAY HE SMASHED HIS CELL PHONE.

YES, HELLO?

...

OH, MY! IT'S YOU, YUU-KUN!

...?!

H-HEY, HAND THAT PHONE OVER, MAYA!

NO, ME FIRST!!

THUMP

THUMP

HUH?

TRULY? A CITY FESTIVAL IN FUKUOKA?

IS THAT RIGHT? GOODNESS, THAT'S QUITE A WAYS AWAY!

AND IF YOU CATCH A COLD AND PASS IT ON TO THE OTHER BAND MEMBERS, THEY'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!

LISTEN, YUU!! WOULD IT KILL YOU TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE STILL ALIVE ONCE IN A WHILE?!

I DON'T GIVE A CRAP, BUT DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WORRY YOU'RE PUTTING MAYA THROUGH?

SO YOU'D BETTER KEEP WARM AT NIGHT, GOT IT?!

GO PUT SOME CLOTHES ON, YOU NUDISTS!

AND THAT'S RICH COMING FROM YOU. I'LL BET YOU'RE IN YOUR UNDERWEAR RIGHT NOW!

...HUH?

WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO?!

I HEARD THAT NEW SONG OF YOURS, AND YOUR BASS PLAYING IS JUST AS BAD AS EVER!!

OH, AND ONE MORE THING!

TEE HEE HEE

WHAT'D YOU DO, SET UP A WEBCAM OR SOMETHING? ARE YOU PEEPING ON US RIGHT NOW?!

EWW! DON'T BE SO GROSS!!

THE END

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